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Consumer Price Index ◆ March 2010

Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

Highlights

- British Columbia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.5% from March 2009, the lowest year-over-year increase among the provinces. Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador had the highest annual inflation in the country, at +3.2%. Nationally, consumer prices increased 1.4% from a year ago.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Saint John continued to have the highest year-over-year increase in consumer prices (+3.2%) with Charlottetown and St. John's close behind at 3.0%. Victoria experienced the lowest increase in consumer prices (+0.4%) compared to last March. Vancouver's CPI rose 0.9% from March 2009.

- BC's overall energy prices went up 7.7% between March 2009 and March 2010, with gasoline prices (+13.7%) and fuel oil & other fuel (+32.7%) continuously being the main drivers. Other significant increases were seen in reading material & other printed matter (+6.7%) and footwear (+5.8). Food prices rose slightly (+0.5%) with increased prices for non-alcoholic beverages (+6.8%) and coffee & tea (+4.3%) offset by lower prices for fresh vegetables (-4.9%) and fresh fruit (-4.9%). The price of shelter drew back (-1.5%), largely driven by the drop in owned accommodation (-1.5%) and piped gas (-8.2%).

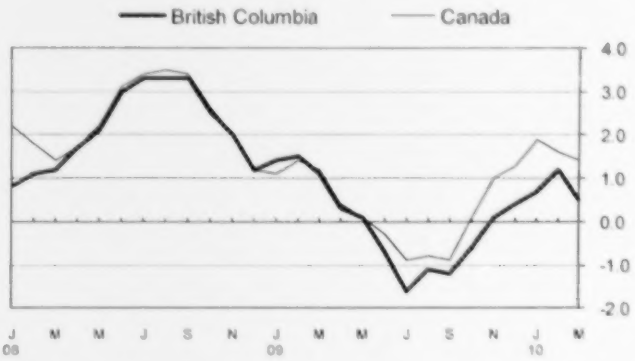
- There was no change in BC's All-Items CPI excluding energy from March 2009. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.0%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the April Consumer Price Index on May 21, 2010.

2002=100	All-Items Index	% Change from	
	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009
Canada	115.6	0.0	1.4
BC	112.6	-0.5	0.5
Vancouver	113.6	-0.3	0.9
Victoria	112.0	-0.4	0.4
Core Canada[1]	115.0	-0.2	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend

(% change, same month of previous year)



2002=100	Latest 12-month Average Index (ending in March 2010)	Latest 12-month Average % Change	2009 Annual Average % Change
Canada	114.9	0.4	0.3
BC	112.5	-0.2	0.0
Vancouver	113.2	0.0	0.1
Victoria	112.1	-0.1	0.1

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

March 2010 Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009
All-Items Index (2002=100)	**112.6**	**-0.5**	**0.5**	**115.6**	**0.0**	**1.4**
Food	**118.4**	**0.7**	**0.3**	**123.1**	**0.3**	**1.3**
Food Purchased From Stores	117.6	0.8	-0.7	123.1	0.5	0.7
Meat	113.1	0.3	-3.5	117.4	-0.3	-1.6
Fish & Other Seafood	102.6	-1.6	-2.5	108.4	-0.3	0.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	123.7	0.2	1.1	130.3	-0.5	0.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	130.4	-0.5	-1.7	138.9	-0.4	0.9
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	110.0	0.4	-3.9	112.2	1.5	0.4
Fresh Fruit	103.1	0.5	-6.6	104.2	1.8	-2.0
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	112.0	4.9	-2.0	113.2	2.5	-1.5
Fresh Vegetables	106.7	5.7	-4.9	107.4	3.3	-4.8
Other Food Products	118.4	1.0	3.4	125.2	1.0	3.6
Coffee & Tea	113.1	0.1	4.3	121.1	0.1	5.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	109.7	2.7	6.8	124.2	1.6	4.0
Food Purchased From Restaurants	120.1	0.7	2.0	123.1	0.1	2.6
Shelter	**111.7**	**0.0**	**-1.5**	**121.7**	**-0.1**	**-0.7**
Rented Accommodation	108.8	0.1	1.3	110.4	0.1	1.3
Owned Accommodation	111.0	-0.1	-3.1	125.8	0.2	-0.5
Property taxes	137.2	0.0	6.2	129.4	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	121.5	0.2	1.5	125.8	-0.6	-3.9
Electricity	114.6	0.0	4.4	114.4	-0.6	0.3
Piped Gas	115.7	0.0	-8.2	110.4	-1.7	-22.4
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	184.7	3.2	32.7	178.2	1.3	20.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	**105.4**	**-0.1**	**0.5**	**108.3**	**0.0**	**1.4**
Household Operations	111.6	-0.1	1.7	116.1	0.0	3.4
Household Furnishings	94.4	0.0	-2.0	95.3	0.0	-2.1
Clothing & Footwear	**101.5**	**2.3**	**1.5**	**93.6**	**2.6**	**-2.2**
Clothing	93.6	3.3	-0.5	87.5	4.2	-4.2
Women's Clothing	95.5	3.1	-2.6	86.4	6.4	-6.3
Men's Clothing	95.5	4.7	4.0	91.7	2.5	-1.2
Children's Clothing	82.3	0.5	-4.3	81.1	1.2	-3.6
Footwear	102.8	1.8	5.8	94.0	0.8	-0.3
Transportation	**116.0**	**0.6**	**3.7**	**117.1**	**0.3**	**6.0**
Private Transportation	116.3	0.6	5.1	117.1	0.3	7.2
Operation of Motor Vehicles	136.9	1.6	6.8	142.4	1.5	9.5
Gasoline	154.1	3.6	13.7	147.6	3.7	17.2
Public Transportation	114.6	1.0	-5.7	117.2	0.9	-4.3
Local & Commuter	127.0	0.0	2.6	134.5	0.3	4.8
Inter-City	110.2	1.5	-8.8	107.7	1.4	-9.6
Health & Personal Care	**111.7**	**-0.8**	**1.5**	**113.5**	**-0.2**	**2.7**
Health Care	116.1	-0.5	0.5	116.8	-0.1	2.8
Personal Care	106.6	-1.3	2.6	110.4	-0.4	2.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	**109.7**	**-5.8**	**0.5**	**102.5**	**-1.5**	**0.7**
Recreation	96.8	-7.9	-0.7	94.5	-2.2	-0.7
Education & Reading	151.9	-0.3	3.3	127.7	0.0	4.3
Education	163.0	-0.3	2.6	131.2	-0.1	4.2
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	115.9	-0.3	6.7	115.5	0.1	4.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**124.5**	**-0.1**	**0.8**	**131.5**	**0.1**	
Alcoholic Beverages	114.3	-0.1	0.3	114.5	0.2	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	114.3	-0.1	-0.4	111.0	0.2	-0.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	123.6	0.0	0.5	114.2	0.2	-1.2
Liquor Purchased from Stores	110.0	-0.3	-1.1	110.0	0.1	0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	136.8	-0.1	1.6	146.9	-0.1	1.8
Cigarettes	136.8	0.0	1.6	146.8	-0.1	1.7
All-Items Excluding Food	111.4	-0.7	0.6	114.1	0.0	1.4
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	112.2	-0.5	0.5	115.0	0.0	1.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	109.3	-1.0	-0.1	112.1	-0.3	0.9

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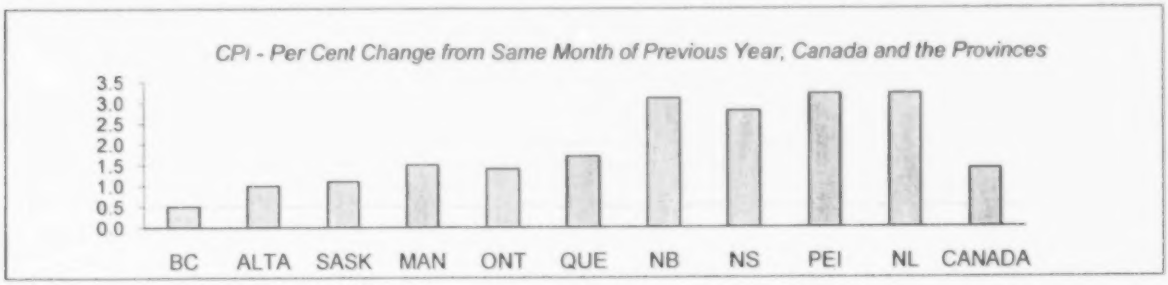
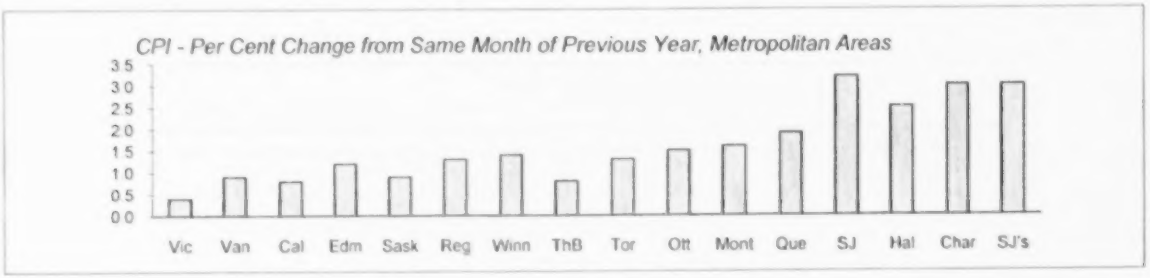
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	2009	2008	2008/09
Canada	115.6	0.0	1.4	114.4	114.1	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	117.1	0.7	3.2	114.6	114.3	0.3
Prince Edward Island	119.3	0.4	3.2	117.3	117.5	-0.2
Nova Scotia	117.7	0.7	2.8	115.7	115.9	-0.2
New Brunswick	115.8	0.2	3.1	113.5	113.2	0.3
Quebec	114.5	0.3	1.7	113.4	112.7	0.6
Ontario	115.3	0.2	1.4	113.7	113.3	0.4
Manitoba	114.7	0.1	1.5	114.1	113.4	0.6
Saskatchewan	117.9	0.2	1.1	117.1	115.9	1.0
Alberta	122.1	-0.5	1.0	121.5	121.6	-0.1
British Columbia	**112.6**	**-0.5**	**0.5**	**112.3**	**112.3**	**0.0**
Whitehorse	113.4	-0.9	-0.2	113.8	113.4	0.4
Yellowknife	116.9	-0.4	2.3	115.9	115.2	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	110.7	-0.4	-1.5	112.6	110.4	2.0



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	2009	2008	2008/09
St. John's	117.1	0.7	3.0	114.7	114.0	0.6
Charlottetown	119.0	0.5	3.0	117.1	116.9	0.2
Halifax	117.0	0.6	2.5	115.3	115.2	0.1
Saint John	116.1	0.2	3.2	113.7	113.2	0.4
Quebec City	114.5	0.3	1.9	113.2	112.4	0.7
Montreal	114.5	0.3	1.6	113.5	112.6	0.8
Ottawa	115.3	0.2	1.5	113.7	113.1	0.5
Toronto	115.3	0.2	1.3	113.6	113.1	0.4
Thunder Bay	111.7	0.2	0.8	110.5	110.4	0.1
Winnipeg	114.5	0.1	1.4	113.9	113.3	0.5
Regina	118.1	0.2	1.3	117.2	115.2	1.7
Saskatoon	118.9	0.2	0.9	118.2	117.1	0.9
Edmonton	122.3	-0.5	1.2	121.6	121.4	0.2
Calgary	122.3	-0.4	0.8	121.7	121.8	-0.1
Vancouver	**113.6**	**-0.3**	**0.9**	**112.9**	**112.8**	**0.1**
Victoria	**112.0**	**-0.4**	**0.4**	**111.9**	**111.8**	**0.1**



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British Columbia

		% Change									
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing & Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation & Education	Alcohol & Tobacco
	2006	108.1	1.7		106.5	108.7	102.0	99.9	114.2	106.4	107.5	116.0
	2007	110.0	1.8		109.3	110.9	102.6	99.9	116.2	107.9	109.0	119.1
	2008	112.3	2.1		112.9	114.3	103.4	99.1	119.1	108.5	109.8	120.7
	2009	112.3	0.0		117.7	112.3	105.7	99.4	113.6	111.5	111.0	123.8
2009			Month	Year								
	Jan	111.4	0.0	1.4	117.3	114.6	104.1	97.3	110.3	110.0	107.3	122.1
	Feb	111.9	0.4	1.5	117.7	114.4	104.7	99.6	111.1	110.6	108.4	122.4
	Mar	112.0	0.1	1.1	118.1	113.4	104.9	100.0	111.9	110.1	109.2	123.5
	Apr	112.1	0.1	0.3	118.2	112.7	105.9	99.7	112.1	111.3	109.9	124.2
	May	112.9	0.7	0.1	118.1	112.5	106.4	100.7	114.2	111.4	112.3	123.9
	Jun	112.8	-0.1	-0.7	117.7	111.6	106.3	96.9	116.7	112.2	112.5	124.2
	Jul	112.4	-0.4	-1.6	118.1	110.7	106.3	98.4	114.9	112.1	112.6	124.2
	Aug	112.8	0.4	-1.1	118.4	111.6	106.5	99.1	114.8	112.2	113.0	124.1
	Sep	112.7	-0.1	-1.2	117.3	111.4	106.0	102.1	114.6	112.5	113.5	124.2
	Oct	112.1	-0.5	-0.6	117.0	111.6	105.9	100.9	113.2	110.9	111.5	124.3
	Nov	112.4	0.3	0.1	117.8	111.4	106.2	100.1	114.6	112.3	110.9	124.3
	Dec	111.9	-0.4	0.4	117.2	111.1	105.1	98.2	114.7	112.4	110.4	123.8
2010												
	Jan	112.2	0.3	0.7	117.7	111.8	105.1	98.8	115.8	112.7	108.3	124.4
	Feb	113.2	0.9	1.2	117.6	111.7	105.5	99.2	115.3	112.6	116.4	124.6
	Mar	112.6	-0.5	0.5	118.4	111.7	105.4	101.5	116.0	111.7	109.7	124.5
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		% Change									
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing & Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation & Education	Alcohol & Tobacco
	2006	109.1	2.0		108.9	113.1	102.2	95.8	115.2	105.9	100.6	121.7
	2007	111.5	2.2		111.8	116.9	103.2	95.7	117.1	107.3	101.8	125.5
	2008	114.1	2.3		115.7	122.0	104.6	93.8	119.5	108.8	102.2	127.5
	2009	114.4	0.3		121.4	121.6	107.3	93.4	113.1	112.1	103.1	130.7
2009			Month	Year								
	Jan	113.0	-0.3	1.1	120.6	123.1	105.7	91.8	108.8	110.4	99.7	129.2
	Feb	113.8	0.7	1.4	121.2	123.2	106.4	93.6	110.2	110.4	101.1	129.2
	Mar	114.0	0.2	1.2	121.5	122.6	106.8	95.7	110.5	110.5	101.8	129.7
	Apr	113.9	-0.1	0.4	121.6	121.4	107.3	95.1	110.5	111.1	102.4	129.7
	May	114.7	0.7	0.1	121.9	121.4	107.6	93.9	113.5	112.1	103.8	131.2
	Jun	115.1	0.3	-0.3	122.2	121.3	107.3	91.3	116.1	112.8	103.8	131.6
	Jul	114.7	-0.3	-0.9	122.3	120.8	107.1	91.3	114.3	112.5	104.3	131.5
	Aug	114.7	0.0	-0.8	121.5	121.1	107.0	92.1	114.8	112.5	104.4	131.4
	Sep	114.7	0.0	-0.9	120.4	120.9	107.9	94.9	113.6	113.7	104.9	131.3
	Oct	114.6	-0.1	0.1	120.1	121.2	107.9	95.0	113.4	112.9	104.5	131.4
	Nov	115.2	0.5	1.0	121.5	121.3	108.5	95.1	115.4	113.6	103.7	131.3
	Dec	114.8	-0.3	1.3	121.8	121.3	107.5	90.6	115.5	113.2	102.8	131.2
2010												
	Jan	115.1	0.3	1.9	122.3	121.8	107.9	90.1	117.2	113.8	101.1	131.1
	Feb	115.6	0.4	1.6	122.7	121.8	108.3	91.2	116.7	113.7	104.1	131.4
	Mar	115.6	0.0	1.4	123.1	121.7	108.3	93.6	117.1	113.5	102.5	131.5
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March 2010 — Consumer Price Index (2002=100) — Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2006	102.8	109.8	120.6	167.3	107.9	145.2	129.0	108.5	107.8	106.6
2007	104.0	112.8	118.4	175.9	108.1	150.7	131.4	110.1	109.7	108.2
2008	106.1	116.0	126.3	220.3	111.4	169.6	143.9	112.2	112.0	109.3
2009	107.9	113.1	115.4	161.8	110.4	143.9	127.6	111.2	111.9	109.6
2009 Jan	107.1	116.4	126.0	162.0	109.8	126.8	120.6	110.1	111.0	109.1
Feb	107.3	116.0	126.0	158.1	109.8	131.9	123.2	110.7	111.5	109.5
Mar	107.4	114.6	126.0	139.2	109.8	135.5	124.7	110.7	111.6	109.4
Apr	107.4	113.8	113.0	158.5	114.4	138.2	125.1	110.9	111.7	109.5
May	107.6	113.5	113.0	154.8	114.4	144.2	128.1	111.8	112.5	110.2
Jun	107.8	113.1	113.0	154.8	102.7	153.5	130.1	111.8	112.4	110.1
Jul	108.0	112.4	115.3	157.4	91.1	151.0	126.4	111.2	112.0	109.8
Aug	108.1	111.7	115.3	157.4	114.4	151.1	132.2	111.7	112.4	109.7
Sep	108.2	111.3	115.3	172.1	114.4	153.9	133.8	111.8	112.3	109.7
Oct	108.5	112.1	107.2	168.7	114.4	145.0	127.7	111.1	111.7	109.5
Nov	108.5	111.6	107.2	180.1	114.6	149.3	130.2	111.3	112.0	109.5
Dec	108.6	111.2	107.2	179.0	114.6	146.2	128.5	110.8	111.5	109.2
2010 Jan	108.7	111.2	115.7	183.4	114.6	150.1	132.2	111.0	111.7	109.1
Feb	108.7	111.1	115.7	178.9	114.6	148.8	131.5	112.2	112.8	110.4
Mar	108.8	111.0	115.7	184.7	114.6	154.1	134.3	111.4	112.2	109.3
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2006	104.4	113.7	140.5	165.9	110.8	139.8	132.8	109.2	108.6	106.9
2007	106.0	119.3	131.3	172.5	112.9	146.1	135.9	111.4	110.9	109.0
2008	107.8	124.6	146.8	225.4	113.2	164.7	149.3	113.8	113.5	110.3
2009	109.5	125.9	117.3	158.0	115.2	135.8	129.2	113.0	113.8	111.5
2009 Jan	108.8	126.8	143.2	165.5	115.1	116.9	123.8	111.5	112.4	110.3
Feb	108.9	126.7	145.4	157.6	115.8	123.4	127.2	112.3	113.2	110.8
Mar	109.0	126.4	142.3	147.6	114.1	125.9	127.1	112.5	113.4	111.1
Apr	109.1	126.2	113.8	155.9	113.6	127.1	123.9	112.3	113.2	111.2
May	109.2	125.9	113.2	150.1	115.6	137.6	129.4	113.2	114.1	111.7
Jun	109.3	125.8	115.2	150.1	114.6	147.0	133.9	113.6	114.4	111.7
Jul	109.4	125.7	104.9	150.3	114.9	141.0	129.6	113.1	114.0	111.5
Aug	109.7	125.4	108.0	150.3	117.1	144.7	132.6	113.4	114.1	111.5
Sep	109.8	125.2	106.0	160.8	115.8	142.6	131.3	113.5	114.0	111.8
Oct	110.0	126.0	103.6	159.3	114.3	139.5	128.8	113.5	113.9	112.0
Nov	110.1	125.6	106.6	175.1	115.5	144.0	132.4	114.0	114.6	112.2
Dec	110.2	125.6	104.9	173.7	116.1	139.8	130.3	113.3	114.1	111.7
2010 Jan	110.2	125.6	112.5	181.6	115.4	144.8	133.9	113.6	114.5	111.6
Feb	110.3	125.6	112.3	176.0	115.1	142.3	132.3	114.1	115.0	112.4
Mar	110.4	125.8	110.4	178.2	114.4	147.6	134.5	114.1	115.0	112.1
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

March 2010 Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

Vancouver

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2006	108.0	1.9		108.2	103.2	109.5	112.4
	2007	110.2	2.0		111.8	104.3	114.9	112.3
	2008	112.8	2.4		115.6	106.5	119.0	118.4
	2009	112.9	0.1		113.7	108.3	116.3	112.4
			Month	Year				
2009	Jan	112.0	0.1	1.6	116.0	107.5	119.3	117.9
	Feb	112.5	0.4	1.6	115.8	107.5	119.0	118.0
	Mar	112.6	0.1	1.3	114.8	107.8	117.2	117.9
	Apr	112.6	0.0	0.4	113.6	107.8	116.2	113.0
	May	113.3	0.6	0.1	113.4	108.0	115.9	113.0
	Jun	113.3	0.0	-0.5	112.7	108.2	115.7	107.6
	Jul	112.9	-0.4	-1.6	111.8	108.4	114.9	103.3
	Aug	113.6	0.6	-0.8	113.3	108.5	115.2	114.0
	Sep	113.5	-0.1	-1.0	113.0	108.6	114.8	114.1
	Oct	112.7	-0.7	-0.6	113.4	108.8	116.0	110.0
	Nov	113.1	0.4	0.2	113.2	108.9	115.7	110.0
	Dec	112.7	-0.4	0.7	113.0	109.0	115.3	110.0
2010	Jan	113.1	0.4	1.0	113.9	109.0	115.5	116.3
	Feb	113.9	0.7	1.2	114.0	109.1	115.6	116.3
	Mar	113.6	-0.3	0.9	114.0	109.2	115.6	116.3
	Apr							
	May							
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	Aug							
	Sep							
	Oct							
	Nov							
	Dec							

Victoria

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2006	108.5	1.5		110.2	103.3	111.1	119.2
	2007	109.8	1.2		110.4	104.6	110.6	121.2
	2008	111.8	1.8		112.8	106.8	112.3	130.5
	2009	111.9	0.1		111.2	108.7	109.4	127.0
			Month	Year				
2009	Jan	111.0	0.0	1.5	113.1	107.8	112.8	126.1
	Feb	111.4	0.4	1.5	112.8	108.0	112.4	125.8
	Mar	111.6	0.2	1.1	112.0	108.0	111.4	124.1
	Apr	111.9	0.3	0.4	112.2	108.2	110.8	129.4
	May	112.6	0.6	0.3	112.1	108.4	110.6	129.7
	Jun	112.5	-0.1	-0.4	111.1	108.6	110.0	121.5
	Jul	112.1	-0.4	-1.1	110.1	108.9	109.4	113.8
	Aug	112.3	0.2	-0.8	110.1	108.6	107.3	130.2
	Sep	112.2	-0.1	-1.0	110.0	108.9	107.0	130.7
	Oct	111.7	-0.4	-0.5	110.5	109.5	107.5	130.3
	Nov	111.9	0.2	0.0	110.2	109.6	107.0	131.1
	Dec	111.5	-0.4	0.5	110.1	110.0	106.6	131.4
2010	Jan	111.6	0.1	0.5	110.2	110.0	106.3	134.2
	Feb	112.5	0.8	1.0	110.0	110.1	106.0	134.3
	Mar	112.0	-0.4	0.4	109.9	110.3	105.6	135.1
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